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## **AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A recording method for instructing a drive apparatus having a pseudo-overwrite function to write data on a write-once disc,

the recording method comprising the steps of:

- (a) receiving a write request which specifies at least data for a file to be written;
- (b) instructing the drive apparatus to read metadata for managing the file from a location in the write-once disc, so as to obtain the metadata;
- (c) querying a next writable address indicating a location at which data is to be written next to the drive apparatus, so as to obtain the next writable address;
- (d) updating the metadata to reflect the writing of the data specified by the write request;
- (e) instructing the drive apparatus to write the data specified by the write request to a location indicated by the next writable address in the write-once disc; and
- (f) instructing the drive apparatus to write at least a part of the updated metadata to the location from which the metadata is read in the step (b) in the write-once disc.
- 2. (Original) A recording method according to claim 1, wherein the steps (e) and (f) are performed using the same write instruction.
- 3. (Original) A recording method according to claim 1, wherein the step (f) is performed after the step (e) is performed.
- 4. (Original) A recording method according to claim 1, wherein the updated metadata includes a file entry of a directory under which the file is recorded.
- 5. (Original) A recording method according to claim 1, wherein the updated metadata includes a file entry of the file.

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6. (Original) A system controller for instructing a drive apparatus having a pseudo-overwrite function to write data on a write-once disc,

the system controller comprising a controller for controlling the drive apparatus, wherein the controller is configured to perform a process including the steps of:

- (a) receiving a write request which specifies at least data for a file to be written;
- (b) instructing the drive apparatus to read metadata for managing the file from a location in the write-once disc, so as to obtain the metadata;
- (c) querying a next writable address indicating a location at which data is to be written next to the drive apparatus, so as to obtain the next writable address;
- (d) updating the metadata to reflect the writing of the data specified by the write request;
- (e) instructing the drive apparatus to write the data specified by the write request to a location indicated by the next writable address in the write-once disc; and
- (f) instructing the drive apparatus to write at least a part of the updated metadata to the location from which the metadata is read in the step (b) in the write-once disc.
- 7. (Original) A system controller according to claim 6, wherein the controller includes a semiconductor integrated circuit.
- 8. (Currently Amended) A <u>non-transitory machine readable medium having a</u> program <u>stored thereon</u> for use in a system controller for instructing a drive apparatus having a pseudo-overwrite function to write data on a write-once disc,

wherein the program is configured to perform a process including the steps of:

- (a) receiving a write request which specifies at least data for a file to be written:
- (b) instructing the drive apparatus to read metadata for managing the file from a location in the write-once disc, so as to obtain the metadata;
- (c) querying a next writable address indicating a location at which data is to be written next to the drive apparatus, so as to obtain the next writable address;

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(d) updating the metadata to reflect the writing of the data specified by the write request;

- (e) instructing the drive apparatus to write the data specified by the write request to a location indicated by the next writable address in the write-once disc; and
- (f) instructing the drive apparatus to write at least a part of the updated metadata to the location from which the metadata is read in the step (b) in the write-once disc.